

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet 18 of drawings includes changes to Fig. 18 and replaces the original sheet.

Figure 18 is amended to add the legend "Prior Art".

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (1 page)

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the indication that claims 14-18 represent allowable subject matter is appreciatively noted. These claims are retained herein. Both claims 14 and 17 have been amended into independent form. All claims other than 14 through 18 are canceled herewith in favor of a continuation application which will be filed. This should render all claims in condition for allowance.

Figure 18 has been amended to be recited as prior art. It is believed all of the other rejections should be obviated by the cancellation of those claims.

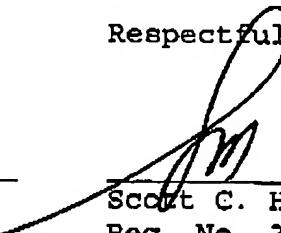
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

It is believed no fee is due, however, please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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